

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4, 8, 12-17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Beming et al. (U.S. Patent 6,236,646). The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9-11, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Beming et al. in view of Honkasalo et al. (U.S. Patent 6,091,717).

Regarding the rejections of independent Claims 1, 8, 12-17 and 20, the Examiner states that Beming et al. discloses all of the elements of these claims. Regarding independent Claims 5, 18 and 19 the Examiner states that Beming et al. in view of Honkasalo et al. discloses all of the elements of these claims. Beming et al. discloses packet data communications scheduling in a spread spectrum communications system. Honkasalo et al. discloses a method for scheduling packet data transmission.

Each of independent Claims 1, 5, 8 and 11-20 recite that indicating parameters are generated, that these indicating parameters include a reverse common channel designation indicator and an action time, and that the indicating parameters are received by the mobile station to inform the mobile station of the reverse common channel that has been designated as a dedicated channel *to use specifically to respond to a message that is generated by the base station and that requires a response*, as well as the time at which to begin transmission over the now-dedicated channel. Nowhere in any of the references is there the designation of a reverse common channel to be used to respond to a message generated at the base station. As neither Beming et al. nor Honkasalo et al., either alone or in combination, teach or disclose these elements, the withdrawal of the rejections to Claims 1, 5, 8 and 11-20 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 5, 8 and 11-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their

respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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